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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 30, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Michael D. Wilker, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven.

You have made each of us and gathered us together for this moment.

Jesus Christ promised at the end of time that the nations will be judged by how they feed the hungry, refresh the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned.

Thank You for guiding and encouraging us to answer Your call to justice and mercy in this past year. Forgive us for the ways we mistreated others and failed to care for Your creation.

In the new year, astonish and disrupt us so that we may meet You when we serve those who are at the lowest rungs and the farthest margins of our society. When we are vulnerable or suffering, surprise us with Your amazing grace, steadfast love, and everlasting joy.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 944, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

October 7, 2016:

H.R. 1475. An Act to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance.

H.R. 2494. An Act to support global anti-poaching efforts, strengthen the capacity of partner countries to counter wildlife trafficking, designate major wildlife trafficking countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2733. An Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3004. An Act to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission.

H.R. 3937. An Act to designate the building utilized as a United States courthouse located at 150 Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina, as the "Randy D. Doub United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5147. An Act to amend title 40, United States Code, to require restrooms in public buildings to be equipped with baby changing facilities.

H.R. 5578. An Act to establish certain rights for sexual assault survivors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5883. An Act to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to clarify the duties relating to services furnished in connection with the buying or selling of livestock in commerce through online, video, or other electronic methods, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5944. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to certain grant assurances, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5946. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any prizes or awards won in competition in the Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games.

November 28, 2016:

H.R. 845. An Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4511. An Act to amend the Veterans' Oral History Project Act to allow the collection of video and audio recordings of biographical histories by immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war.

H.R. 5392. An Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the Veterans Crisis Line.

H.R. 6007. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to include consideration of certain impacts on commercial space launch and reentry activities in a navigable airspace analysis, and for other purposes.

December 8, 2016:

H.R. 4665. An Act to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4902. An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand law enforcement availability pay to employees of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations.

H.R. 5785. An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for an annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers.

H.R. 5873. An Act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 511 East San Antonio Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the "R.E. Thomason Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

December 10, 2016:

H.R. 2028. An Act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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